

INTRODUCTION

The United States Congress is the lawmaking branch of the federal government. It is a bicameral (two-house) legislature, consisting of the 100-member senate and the 435-member house of representatives. Each state has 2 senators who are elected statewide and serve 6-year terms. A senator must be at least 30 years of age, a citizen of the United States for at least 9 years, and a resident of the state from which he or she is elected.

The number of members a state has in the house of representatives is determined according to population. A house member, who serves a 2-year term, must be at least 25 years of age, a citizen of the United States for at least 7 years, and a resident of the state from which he or she is elected. The house of representatives is reapportioned after each decennial census to accommodate shifts in population.

Michigan's 18-member congressional delegation consists of 2 senators, both of whom are elected on a statewide basis, and 16 members of the house of representatives who are elected from congressional districts last apportioned on April 6, 1992, pursuant to a plan adopted by order of the United States District Court, Eastern and Western Districts of Michigan. The average population of these house districts is 580,956. In terms of size, the districts range from the expansive first district, which includes the entire Upper Peninsula and the northern tier of counties in the Lower Peninsula, to the twelfth, fourteenth, and fifteenth in southeastern Michigan. After reaching a peak representation of 19 members in the house during the 1960s, the state's delegation lost one house seat after the 1980 census, and two more house seats after the 1990 census, reducing the number to 16.

MICHIGAN'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION
THE 106TH U.S. CONGRESS

U.S. SENATORS

SPENCER ABRAHAM (R-Auburn Hills)

(Term Expires January 3, 2001)

CARL LEVIN (D-Detroit)

(Term Expires January 3, 2004)

U.S. REPRESENTATIVES

(Terms Expire January 3, 2001)

JAMES BARCIA (D-Bay City)	District 5
DAVID BONIOR (D-Mt. Clemens)	District 10
DAVE CAMP (R-Midland)	District 4
JOHN CONYERS, JR. (D-Detroit)	District 14
JOHN D. DINGELL (D-Dearborn)	District 16
VERNON J. EHLERS (R-Grand Rapids)	District 3
PETER HOEKSTRA (R-Holland)	District 2
DALE KILDEE (D-Flint)	District 9
CAROLYN C. KILPATRICK (D-Detroit)	District 15
JOE KNOLLENBERG (R-Bloomfield Hills)	District 11
SANDER LEVIN (D-Royal Oak)	District 12
LYNN RIVERS (D-Ann Arbor)	District 13
NICK SMITH (R-Addison)	District 7
DEBBIE STABENOW (D-Lansing)	District 8
BART STUPAK (D-Menominee)	District 1
FRED S. UPTON (R-St. Joseph)	District 6